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In re application of

Francis BRIAND et al.

Confirmation No. 8422

Serial No. 09/870,014

GROUP 1725

Filed May 31, 2001

Examiner K. McHenry

LASER/ARC HYBRID WELDING
PROCESS WITH APPROPRIATE
GAS MIXTURE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 11,
2002, please amend the above-identified application as
follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Rewrite the Abstract of the Disclosure as on the
attached separate sheet.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following heading:

--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9, insert the
following heading:

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